

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the Board room at the Administrative Office. Vice-Chairman Strohm called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Neugebauer (by phone), Mr. Ake, Mr. Strohm, Mr. Gehret and Mrs. Kooman were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, David Consiglio, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Todd Musser and Kathy Gabella.

Guests: Jim Balliet, Mark Geis

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Neugebauer moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Strohm called the question. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Dam and Water Treatment Plant Update – there was a conference call with DEP Dam Safety Officials. They have reviewed the Authority's application and their comments on the permit submission should be received by Thanksgiving. The Authority will respond to the comments and it is hopeful the dam safety permit will be received by the first quarter of next year.

Technical review comments have been received from the water supply program on the plans and permit application for the water treatment plant upgrade. The responses will be finished today and will be sent to the Authority for review before the final submission to DEP.

Mrs. Kooman joined the meeting at this time (9:04)

2. Guaranteed Energy Savings Project Update – ESG has been on site off and on since the last meeting. They are working persistently on drawings, energy conservation measures, heating and air conditioning and design layouts.

The first round of drawings on what they plan to construct should be received next week. The

staff will review the drawings and a work shop will be held November 4. ESG is working diligently to get this project to the funding stage.

3. Sanitary Sewer Rehab Lining Project –Contract 196 for the spray-on-lining; IPR has removed 250 ton of debris from the intersection of Broad Avenue and Union Avenue to the Jaffa Mosque. They have spray-lined approximately one hundred seventy feet (170') of pipe. Work should progress more rapidly since they are past the heavy debris.

Contract 197 is the cured-in-place lining and twenty-three thousand feet (23,000') has been completed. This project is approximately fifty-two percent (52%) complete.

4. The River Road project began on September 9th and includes approximately four thousand four hundred and forty feet (4,440') of water main from the Tipton Industrial Park entrance to the intersection of East Pleasant Valley Boulevard and Tipton Road. To date approximately twenty six hundred feet (2,600') of main has been installed, pressure tested and de-chlorinated. There is an additional eight hundred feet (800') installed but not tested.

Upon completion of the project this will provide an addition feed to the area and the DelGrosso Sauce Plant plus improve water quality. It will also include three new fire hydrants.

5. Spencer Creek at Colonial Drive Stream Embankment Deterioration – the Authority's part of the project is complete. Pictures were given to each Board Member showing what needed done and is now completed. Next year PennDOT will start their portion of this project.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Strohm asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisition #107 Water Division Construction Fund totaling - \$1,892.03

Requisition #21 Water Project Construction Fund totaling - \$186,916.82

Requisitions #19-21 Sewer Division Construction Fund totaling – \$511,955.15

Mr. Ake moved to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Kooman seconded. Mr. Strohm called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Mrs. DeRubeis mentioned that she and Mark Perry would like to start meeting with individual or two (2) board members at time to discuss the budget for 2020 beginning the first week of November.

New Business:

1. Nutrient Credit Sale and Purchase Agreements – there is a resolution to add Todd Musser to the authorized signatures.

2. Pennvest Borrowing and Letter of Responsibility for the 58th Street Waterline Relocation Project – there is an October 30th deadline to apply for Pennvest funding for this project. PennDOT is doing a paving project at Goods Lane and 58th Street; the Authority has a problem with the waterline in that area. The Authority tries to work with PennDOT to renew waterlines that are in the same area of their paving projects. The budget for this project is \$2,100,000.00. The Pennvest board meeting will be held in January to award funding. It is hopeful the Authority will receive money for this project at that meeting.

Resolutions/Motions/Bid Awards

1. Resolution #19-10-917 to amend Resolution #17-09-858 to include the authorization of Todd Musser, Director of Wastewater Operations to execute all Nutrient Credit Sale Agreements at or above market price and is also authorized to execute all Nutrient Credit Purchase Agreements at or below market price.
2. Resolution #19-10-918 to authorize the submittal of the Financial Assistance Application to Pennvest.

Mr. Neugebauer moved to approve Resolutions 19-10-917 & 19-10-918. Mr. Gehret seconded the motion. Mr. Strohm called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

None

Media Questions

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler of the Altoona Mirror.

Executive Session:

An Executive Session was called at 9:42 for legal issues.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.

Date of Approval: October 24, 2019



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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